

Defense Leadership and Management Program (DLAMP)
National Security Foundation (NSF) Course Description
Military Strategy and International Relations
Troy State University

Overview:

The DLAMP NSF course is a graduate level course taught by Troy State University. This three-credit hour semester course is conducted on-line through the Internet. The course is primarily self-paced and does not require travel or on-site course attendance. The course title is Military Strategy and International Relations, POL 6660. There are no prerequisite requirements for enrollment.

This course examines military leaders and armed forces in the development of national security and foreign policies; classical methods of maintaining peace; military-civilian relations in the developed and less developed states; the impact of rapid technological change and weaponry in international politics; and the military in the shaping of war and peace since 1947.

Learning Objectives:

The purpose of the course is to familiarize the student with:

- The major classical theorists on military strategy and how their approaches influence current strategists;
- The contemporary debates about grand strategy; and
- The major scholarly and practitioner literature in the field.

Upon successful completion of the course the student should demonstrate an understanding of the following issues and concepts:

- The major theoretical approaches of classical strategists;
- The major trends in the development of strategy in the 20th and 21st centuries;
- The on-going debate as to what should be the critical elements of the post-Cold War strategy;
- Issues surrounding military strategy versus grand strategy; and
- The role of special operations in overall national strategy.

Textbooks:

Detailed information for ordering textbooks will be included in the DLAMP notification of enrollment. Generally, Troy State University will begin taking textbooks orders 30 days prior to the course start date. Participants enrolled in the NSF course can order textbooks through the Troy State on-line bookstore at

<http://www.tsulearn.net/registration/books.htm>. The cost for the textbooks and shipping is about \$100. To be reimbursed for textbooks and shipping costs, participants must submit an SF 1164 with the textbook receipt to DLAMP at 703-696-9525.

Automation Requirements:

Operating System	PCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microsoft Windows 95/98/2000/XP • Microsoft Windows NT • Workstation v4.X • 100 MHz • 32 MB Ram 	Macintosh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAC OS system v8.x • 100 MHz • 32 MB Ram
Internet Access	Connection speed minimum 28.8 kbs	Connection speed minimum 28.8 kbs
Email Account	Must handle sending and receiving file attachments.	Must handle sending and receiving file attachments.
Web Browser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netscape Communicator v.4.x • Microsoft Internet Explorer v.4.X • If you use AOL web browser, you must have the latest version. • Browser must be Java enabled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Netscape Communicator v.4.x • Microsoft Internet Explorer v.4.X • If you use AOL web browser, you must have the latest version. • Browser must be Java enabled.
Plug-ins/other software (These are free downloads)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RealPlayer G-2 • Adobe Acrobat Reader 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RealPlayer G-2 • Adobe Acrobat Reader
Word Processing	Microsoft Word 97 or 2000, or software with the ability to save files in rich text format (.rtf)	Microsoft Word 97 or 2000, or software with the ability to save files in rich text format (.rtf)
Primary source: http://tsutech.troyst.edu/standards.htm		